

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended paragraph [0062] with the following:

[0062] It should be noted that the shades of gray or the color of the image formed on the photo-conductive drum depends on the power of the laser beam, or the APC voltage V_{apc} . The APC voltage V_{apc} , which corresponds to the difference between the reference voltage V_{ref} and the laser power detection voltage V_r , varies with the laser power detection voltage V_r and hence can be adjusted by operating the variable resistor VR , serving as a manually operable adjuster connected to the I/V converter 12. Thus, the shades of gray or color of the image formed on the photo-conductive drum 106 can be also adjusted so as to properly correspond to the reference voltage V_{ref} by operating the variable resistor VR .